



Durham Parks and Recreation's
2012 KWANZA LINE UP

Kwanzaa Emcees	
	<p>Zayd Malik Shakur was born in Manhattan and moved to Durham when he was seven years old. He is the co-founder and programmer of TMMA Traditional Mixed Martial Arts. He also serves as the griot for the Collage Dance Company and the road manager for its touring company. His focus is on sharing his passion and knowledge with the world through the many artistic mediums God has gifted him.</p>
	<p>Marc Lee has worked in the entertainment business since he was a teenager. He has worked on several events in Durham such as Kwanzaa, Bull Durham Blues Festival, Eno Festival, Centerfest, Black Diaspora Film Festival, and Durham's MLK Parade. He also has also worked with a series of national artists including Bo Diddley, Isaac Hayes, Wilson Pickett, Bobby Womack, Keb' Mo, and Bobby Rush to name a few.</p>
Kwanzaa Performers	
 <i>Iya Silva</i>	<p>Iya has been involved in dance for over 21 years and has danced with some of the top Brazilian dance companies in California, such as Fogo na Roupa, Aquarela and MaraReggae. In 2009, she founded Movimentos de Samba Brazilian Company.</p> <p>Since moving to North Carolina, Iya has been performing at events such events in Charlotte including the Blumenthal Performing Arts Theatre for DanceBrasil, The Carolinas Latin Dance, Chima's Brazilian Restaurant, Latin American Festival, and at "A Night in Rio" Brazilian Carnaval Ball at the Neighborhood Theater!</p> <p>She now lives in Durham and teaches Brazilian Samba at the Holton Career and Resource Center.</p>
 <i>Africa Unplugged</i>	<p>Africa Unplugged is a dynamic ensemble of accomplished musicians that entertain using traditional West African instruments. The band uses unique sounds to push the boundaries of music.</p> <p>Though they use traditions that are centuries old, they manage to incorporate musical influences and experiences from places around the world. This exciting band has entertained audiences across the US with its smooth melodies and virtuosic playing.</p>
 <i>Release Dance Company</i>	<p>Release Dance Company is a group of entertainers that have a true hunger and passion for dance. They are a well rounded group of individuals that have advanced training in various styles of dance such as ballet, contemporary, modern, lyrical, liturgical, and jazz.</p> <p>Under the leadership of teacher and creative director Monique Williams, the group dances with precision and perfection.</p>
 <i>ReMyx'd Couture</i>	<p>Founded by Tamika Murrill, ReMyx'd Couture is a group that provides peer - oriented theatrical performances through the healing of dance. This group focuses on various styles of dance including but not limited to hip hop, modern, afro, and jazz.</p> <p>The purpose of the group is to build self - esteem by using dance and theater to promote health and fitness. This group started in 2008 at Campus Hills Recreation Center and is currently at the Holton Recreation Center. ReMyx'd Couture performs all over Durham at various local events.</p>